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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ALGERIAN COUNSELLOR, SEPTEMBER 17

1. AT OUR REQUEST, MISOFF MET WITH ALGERIAN COUNSELLOR
TALEB-BENDIAB, AT UN SEPTEMBER 17 AND DISCUSSED A VARIETY
OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING KOREA, SAHARA AND COLOMBO NONALIGNED
SUMMIT.

2. TALEB-BENDAIB CLAIMED TO BE ALGERIAN CHARGE DURING THE
DEPOSITING OF THE "HOSTILE" DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA. (UN
DOCUMENT IN FACT LISTS BOUAYAD-AGHA AS SIGNATORY.)
HE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION IN REBUTTAL OF THE COMMONLY
HEARD CHARGE THAT THIS WAS AN "ALGERIAN" INITIATIVE. ACCORDING
TO TALEB-BENDIAB, THE NORTH KOREANS APPROACHED HIM ON
A FRIDAY, SAYING THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM PYONGYANG
TO THE EFFECT THAT ALGERIANS THERE HAD AGREED TO TABLE
A DRAFT RESOLUTION ADVANCING THE DPRK CASE, ALONE,
WITHOUT ANY CO-SPONSORS. ACCORDING TO TALEB, HE REPLIED
TO THEM THAT HE RECEIVED HIS OWN INSTRUCTIONS FROM
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ALGIERS NOT FROM PYONGYANG. THE NORTH KOREANS

REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION AND APPEARED AT HIS HOME, UNINVITED, THAT SUNDAY MORNING. TALEB CLAIMS THAT HE DID NOT RECEIVE THEM, ADDING THAT THEY NEVERTHELESS WERE AT HIS OFFICE DOORSTEP TO GREET HIM AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS THE NEXT DAY. AT THAT JUNCTURE, TALEB CONTINUES, THE NORTH KOREANS AGREED THAT ALGERIA WOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON TO BE THE SOLE INITIAL SUPPORTER OF THE DRAFT. TALEB- BENDIAB NOTES THAT HE TOLD THEM TO SEEK OTHER SIGNATURES BEFORE ALGERIA WOULD CO-SPONSOR. THESE THEN WERE OBTAINED, AS WAS THE ALGERIANS'. TALEB INSISTS THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO SO ACT CAME DIRECTLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA AND PERM REP RAHAL. HE SAYS THAT ALGERIA'S ADVOCACY OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION IN THE PAST HAD BEEN BASED CONSIDERABLY UPON ALGERIA'S ROLE AS NON-ALIGNED LEADER, AND THAT THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH RAHAL WOULD SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE DPRK, WE "WOULD NOTICE A BIG DIFFERENCE."

3. PREDICTABLY, TALEB-BENDIAB TURNED NEXT TO THE QUESTION OF THE SAHARA. ALL ALGERIA WANTED, HE INSISTED, WAS A WAY TO SAVE FACE. HE APPEALED FOR A REFERENDUM, WITHOUT CONDITIONS, HINTING THAT ALGERIA MIGHT NOT INSIST ON THE PRIOR REPATRIATION OF "REFUGEES". ALTHOUGH SOME OF ALGERIA'S LEADERS IN THE PAST HAD SOUGHT AN "ADVENTURE", HE ADDED, ALL GOA WANTED NOW WAS TO TURN TO ITS OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE MOROCCANS MUST REALIZE, HE NOTED THAT NOT ONLY IS HASSAN'S THRONE AT STAKE BUT BOUMEDIENE'S PRESIDENCY IS ON THE LINE AS WELL.

4. CONCERNING THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AT COLOMBO, TALEB-BENDIAB CONCEDED THAT ALGERIA'S LOW PROFILE WAS NOT OCCASIONED VOLUNTARILY; RATHER, IT WAS NECESSITATED BY AN OVER-COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN THEY HAD ESTIMATED WOULD BE REQUIRED, ON THE MATTER OF SAHARA.

5. LASTLY, TALEB-BENDIAB SAID THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS NOT FIXED A STRATEGY CONCERNING EFFORTS TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE IAEA IN RIO.

6. COMMENT: WHILE INTERESTING, AND SPRINKLED WITH TALEB'S USUAL AMOUNG OF FLATTERY CONCERNING THE US, WE TEND TO USE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE USUAL AMOUNT OF SALT IN APPRAISING CERTAIN OF HIS REMARKS. LITERALLY IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING TALEB, MISOFF RAN INTO ALGERIAN FIREBRAND DJOUDI, WHO PRIOR TO RETRUNING TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE OAU IN ADDIS ABABA, HAD TIME TO UNLOAD HEAVY CRITICISM OF OUR AFRICAN AND THIRD WORLD POLICY IN GENERAL. HE CONFIDED THAT THE ONLY REASON THE US WAS NOT GETTING HIT HARDER CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICA WAS THAT THE OAU HAD AGREED FRANCE WOULD BE ITS PRIME VILLAIN THIS FALL.

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